

# Quote

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## WITHIN THE WEEK

"... the glory that was Greece."

Ah, but that was long ago and far away. It was an impotent and prostrate Greece, victim of 4 invasions and protracted enemy occupation, that this wk made a formal plea to the U S for aid.

And the plight of Greece is but a symbol and a symptom. She is one of what Sec'y MARSHALL has termed the "sore spots" of the earth. Turkey, Palestine, Germany, even Britain herself . . . the list is long.

It is not a new story, this bankruptcy of an old order. The degeneration has been going on now for a long time, and under our very noses. But we have been somewhat in the position of the well-to-do family that lives on the hill and refuses stubbornly to see the slums.

Now, it seems, something must be done if we are to keep our kind of neighbors in a troubled world. Among the capitalists, only Solvent Sam has the resources to bail out the bankrupts. What this course will do to his theoretically-balanced budget is something no one likes to think about just now.

We are reminded that it is cheaper to organize a rescue mission than finance a war.

In Greece, particularly, the Communist element is strong; threatens momentarily to become

dominant. And expansion-minded Russia cannot be indifferent to advancing opportunity. It may be pointed out that Russia, too, is a suppliant; her economy creaking under strains of war and reconversion. But there is this distinction to be made: To further the *capitalist* system, one must spread capital. Communism, in contrast, has ever flourished in the dank atmosphere of misery and despair. It is a philosophy of desperation, the final refuge of failures.

Essentially, of course, the problem is not merely a matter of money. There are no calories in coins. The question is whether sufficient productive capacity can be harnessed quickly enough to provide the essentials of existence for the decimated peoples of the earth. Nearly all of Europe has been ravaged and weakened by war to a degree that we are only now beginning to realize. So far gone is the economy that outside aid will be required on a very large scale and for a very long time to restore even a very meager measure of former self-sufficiency.

Here is the greatest and gravest responsibility that has been thrust upon the United States in a postwar world. It seems to be the conviction of those who shape our foreign policies that the burden is one which we cannot and which we dare not evade.



SHIFTING SANDS

The boxcar famine which QUOTE forecast mo's ago is currently making the headlines. Cross-country freight is moving at about half prewar speed; most industries are beginning to feel effects. Current production scarcely matches volume of outworn cars headed for junkpile. Condition may grow progressively worse for remainder of this yr . . . Potato surplus is currently being fed to hogs at give-away price of 2¢ per 100 lbs. Spuds are dyed to prevent possible dumping for human consumption. And here's an ironical twist; the dye costs more than the potatoes! . . . In an effort to prevent American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers from collecting performance royalties, several state legislatures are framing anti-ASCAP bills. If laws are held constitutional, the by-product of the action may be to restrict symphony orchestras and other musical groups to  
18th and  
19th century drawing - room music.



FOR THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE MENTALLY MAROONED

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"HE WHO NEVER QUOTES, IS NEVER QUOTED"

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

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Rep WALTER NORBLAD, of Ore: "I fear that the military has become too fond of their stars and eagles to want to give them up, but I feel it is about time they were foregoing this luxury and economizing in their own front yd." 1-Q

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Monsignor FULTON J SHEEN: "If so many Hollywood marriages last only 2 yrs, it is because those who married were in love not with a person but an experience." 2-Q

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WALTER F REEVES, Lynn, Mass, who inq'd about permit to stable his horse, discovered that he had to: (1) Petition city council for consent; (2) attend public hearing for all abbutors; (3) obtain health permit; (4) renew permit annually: "I think the automobile is here to stay." 3-Q

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Gen'l CHOU EN-LAI, acting foreign minister for Red China, on foreign missionaries working in that area: "We do not place restrictions on religion. The trouble is that some of these missions have taken land illegally from peasants. Today the peasants want that land back." 4-Q

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Adm WM F HALSEY: "As long as predatory nations exist in the world, we have got to have a strong mailed fist." 5-Q

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JACK WERST, Dayton, O, diamond wholesaler, describing new x-ray type device that will "fingerprint" gems: "This device x-rays the grains of gems in one-millionth of an inch detail. When all jewels are thus x-rayed and catalogued, no 'front man' for a jewel theft ring will dare attempt to dispose of stolen gems, unless he peddles them off to a pvt individual—and that would be extremely dangerous." 6-Q

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Homesick GI, stationed in Leghorn, Italy: "The Statue of Liberty will see me once more when I reach N Y, and if she wants to see me again, she's gonna have to turn 'around!'" 7-Q

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GEO C MARSHALL, Sec'y of State, warning present period in world

feel at a disadvantage is at the start of a match, until the opponent touches me, until I know the direction of his attack." 13-Q

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W D BOUTWELL, Scholastic Corp'n: "The education of millions of our children is in the hands of grandmothers and girls just out of high school. Maine recently advertised for teachers in N Y C, stating no age limits. Another border state is giving teaching certificates to 7th and 8th grade graduates. As one applicant said, 'They ain't no reason why I can't teach 7th grade. I done graduated from the 7th grade.'" (Quoted in *Education Digest*.) 14-Q

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Lt-Gen'l RAYMOND S McLAIN, Oklahoma City, Okla: "History has provided no intimation that we can immediately stop war, but there is a possibility that we can lengthen the time between wars and shorten wars when they do occur by maintaining a respectable position as a military power in the world." 15-Q

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Dean WM C DEVANE of Yale: "The ills of our world today are moral and spiritual ills. Contrary to a generally accepted opinion of our day, I think our social scientists, theoretical and active, prof's and congressmen, know enough to do better than they do, but few of them have the virtue and courage requisite to the occasion." 16-Q

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Inter-church committee of American-Russian Inst, N Y: "If the people of the U S and of the Soviet Union retain a spirit of friendly cooperation and mutual admiration, peace can abide with us. But if suspicion, fear and hate rise between these two peoples, atomic holocaust and a just damnation inexorably will be ours." 17-Q

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BURL IVES, radio singer: "Singing ballads is sort of like being a newspaper reporter. Most folk songs tell the story of real people and what happened to them. Of course, instead of being printed in newspapers, ballads are handed down from generation to genera-



affairs is even more critical than the war yrs: "The more serious aspect is the fact that we no longer display that intensity, that unity of purpose, with which we concentrated upon the war task and achieved the victory." 8-Q

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Dr NEVIN C HARNER, pres Heidelberg College, Tiffin, O: "We must not rest content until we devise a formula for including religion in nonsectarian fashion within the public school itself." 9-Q

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Gov JAS H DUFF, of Pa: "We must have a less political and more American attitude toward the solution of our social problems . . . Whether we realize it or not, we're in a revolutionary period." 10-Q

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ERNEST BYFIELD, Chicago, operator nation's oldest night club, College Inn, declaring "swing is dying": "The customers are tired of blaring music that leaves them with bloodshot ears." (BYFIELD backed conviction by closing club for reconversion to steak house with no dancing and no jumpin' jive.) 11-Q

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ROB'T P PATTERSON, Sec'y of War: "In 1797, a flintlock over the mantelpiece, a horn of dry powder and a few days in training might have been enough. To be ready in '47, thorough training in the use of complex weapons has become basic to the individual soldier. Universal military training will provide that training." 12-Q

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BOB SMITHDAS, 21-yr-old St John's Univ student, totally blind and deaf, contestant in forthcoming State and Nat'l AAU wrestling championships: "The only time I

tion." (Quoted by LARRY WOLTERS,  
*Chicago Tribune*.) 18-Q

be sure, simply would not tolerate  
another war." 24-Q

" " Army announcement of 3 major problems to be solved before U S military personnel will be free to adopt homeless German children: "In the U S welfare agencies investigate to see whether the children and their prospective foster parents are suited. Since German courts will not be permitted to judge in the case of military personnel, the army must set up certain standards. Second, the army must determine whether adoption approved by German courts will be recognized in U S, and 3rd, the state dep't must settle the issue of American citizenship for German children." 19-Q

" " Pres HARRY S TRUMAN, again adroitly dodging issue of his '48 candidacy: "I intend to continue to act in this office as the agent of the American people, without regard to my personal political fortunes." 20-Q

" " BETTY GRABLE, motion picture star, commenting upon selection of her gams, by artist's representative BARRY STEPHEN, of Chicago, as among "the 10 best legs in America": "If the expert says they're robust—well, he must be right." 21-Q

" " An Editorial Writer in the *Wall St. Jnl*: "When we say sharp things about people in this column, we are not necessarily mad at them. Thus we think John L Lewis is an altogether interesting and charming person." 22-Q

" " HENRY FORD II, in a bulletin urging Ford employees to express themselves frankly as to working conditions, grievances, etc: "You need not sign your name; in fact, I'd rather you didn't, because then we'll have all the advantages of the good American custom of the secret ballot." 23-Q

" TRYGE LIE, Sec'y-Gen'l of UN: "The present generation, you can

be sure, simply would not tolerate another war." 24-Q

" " WALLACE KARKMAN HARRISON, noted N Y architect whose next big job will be direction of designing for new UN headquarters: "It's a social, philosophical, political and planning job, to be an architect." 25-Q

" Letter rec'd by Interior Dep't from a Mrs SANDEBAUM, Brooklyn: "Dear Sirs, Will you send me some information. My class is studying about it." 26-Q

" " VAN BITTNER, Atlanta Ga, nat'l director of organization, CIO, commenting on southern Negro: "Men good enough for God are good enough for the CIO." 27-Q

" " Col RICHARD A ERICKSON, prof of military science and tactics, Univ of Minn: "Whole cost of universal military training for 1 yr would be less than the cost of 3 days of war. Had we been able to shorten World War II by only 6 mo's we could have saved thousands of lives and billions of dollars. Universal military training would shorten war." 28-Q

" " Dr JOHN H McCOMB, N Y, pastor Broadway Presbyterian Church, expressing opinion on proposal to ordain women as ministers: "The proposal to ordain a woman is absolutely contrary to the Bible and to common sense." 29-Q

" " Rep FRANCIS P BOLTON, of O: "If we fail to meet the needs of the suffering (foreign) countries, could we blame them if they turn to the only other country (Russia) that has strength?" 30-Q

" " B CARROLL REECE, Republican nat'l chairman, calling for more team play by GOP congressmen: "A successful team is one which executes the signals called by the duly chosen quarter back. Differences of opinion as to the choice

of a particular play are ironed out in the huddles before the plays are called—not afterward. Team play is the first essential of success." 31-Q

" " Swiss press, assailing new federal regulations for compulsory gymnastics for every school boy in Switzerland: "We send our children to school to learn; they can get enough exercise by herding goats during their vacation." 32-Q

" " Rep EDITH NOURSE ROGERS, of Mass, eulogizing WM RANDOLPH HEARST, in commemoration of his 60th anniv as newspaper publisher: "Whenever the term of public servant requires a synonym, I believe it will be Hearst." 33-Q

" " Sen RICHARD RUSSELL, of Ga, proposing that England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland act to be admitted as mbr states of U S: "The king could, if he wished to remain in politics, run for the senate—as could Winston Churchill." (Quoted by RALPH MCGILL, *Atlanta Constitution*.) 34-Q

" " ALICE LAVERE, Hollywood psychologist: "People who make a fetish of telling the truth at all times, regardless of the pain which it may cause . . . are candidates for insane asylums." 35-Q

" " The British "White Paper" devoted to a discussion of the empire's economic ills: "At present there is too much money chasing after too few goods." 36-Q

" Sec'y of Interior KRUG, discussing the possibility of another coal strike emergency: "We handled the 1st coal strike all right, didn't we? We will handle this emergency when it arises." 37-Q

" " Rep ARTHUR L MILLER, of Nebraska: "The country is seldom hurt by laws that Congress does not pass." 38-Q



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## COLUMNIST'S COLUMN

**Shhh!—Shamrock Ain't Irish**

ARTHUR L EDSON

It will surprise no loyal son of Ireland to learn that, thanks to the ignorance of an Englishman, for 400 yrs people have been paying tribute to a phoney shamrock.

What? The shamrock we all know is an imposter?

Right, says Rev Hugh T O'Neill, of Catholic Univ.

He reached his verdict after considerable study of plants and languages. Today, he's ready with this conclusion:

The shamrock you so often see, with the 3 petals resembling hearts, really is a wood sorrel. Scientists, when they want to get chummy, call it the oxalis acetosella.

The real shamrock, declares Father O'Neill, is the small hop clover. Its petals are smaller, and it's a true clover. Indeed, he adds, the very word "shamrock" means clover.

Father O'Neill, a merry eyed priest with an astounding range of knowledge, told a reporter that as far as he can tell, the original error was made in 1571. The Englishman Campion, writing in his "History of Ireland," apparently became confused because the Gaelic words for clover and wood sorrel are quite similar.

Other authors, probably rewriting Campion, repeated the error.

But Father O'Neill is ready to forgive and forget.

He said the mistake was an easy one to make, and that maybe it would be wise not to stress that the Irish shamrock has been messed up by an English boner.

"Great heavens, man," he added cheerfully. "There's no sense in starting another war!"—*Abridged from Associated Press Dispatch.*

### ADVERTISING—1

Advertising wasn't always as aggressive and unabashed as it is today. Some 50 yrs ago the following ad appeared in an American newspaper: "The public is kindly requested to buy this tooth powder, the 'Universal Whitener.' It is neither better nor cheaper than most of the others in my store . . . but I think it is just about as good as any of them, and I particularly recommend it because it is made by my nephew, who is a very deserving young man and hopes to be married soon on the strength of it." — *Nat'l Parent-Teacher.*

### ALIBI—2

Other Cornish fishermen used to say of those' at St Ives that they carried a candle to the end of the jetty. If it blew out, there was too much wind for the boats to go out; if it did not blow out, there was too little.—*Newcastle Jnl.*

### CHARACTER—3

Your creditors want to know when you'll come across—not when your ancestors did.—*Pierce County (Wis) Herald.*

### CHILDREN—4

Children may tear up a house but they can never break up a home.—*St Jerome's Bulletin.*

### CRITICISM—5

Criticism is something one can avoid by saying nothing, doing nothing and being nothing.—*Parryus.*

### DISCRIMINATION—6

A young girl from Argentina was visiting in London. At tea time she asked her English governess, who had come with her from Buenos Aires, to have "one of the natives bring some tea."

"They are English, not natives," said the governess.

"But you have always called our people natives. Why aren't the English natives in England?"—*VIRGINIA HINTON, "We and They," Christian Herald, 3-47.*

### DRINK—Drinking—7

Judge Ben Lindsay was lunching in a cafe one very hot day when a friend came by and remarked on the judge's choice of hot coffee as a drink.

"Don't you ever try hard iced

drinks, Judge, like gin and ale?"

"No, I haven't tried them myself," repl'd the judge, "but I've tried a lot of fellows who have."—*O A SMITH, Reader's Scope.*

### They DO Say . . .

*March of Time* is now shaping up a film devoted to more photogenic aspects of relatively new profession, Public Relations; explaining what it is, how it works . . . Sensation of '47 garden season is likely to be "Baby Rose." It grows from seed to height of 4 in. Planted early spring, blooms in June . . . *Kiplinger Magazine* reports *Bri-tannica* offer to refund money to anyone who, within 90 days of purchase, wins set on *Information Please*. So far, 3 refunds . . . Sadly disillusioning is survey made by *Children's Aid Society, N Y.* Questioning inmates of *Newsboys' Lodging House*, where HORATIO ALGER, JR lived and wrote his "rags to riches" books, society found 92% of boys had never heard of the author . . . United Lutheran Church has set aside Pray-for-the-Press Wk, with every mbr asked to send supplications skyward at seven . . . And the *Durham (N C) Sun* sets new high in profundity with observation that "Our nation was more united during the past war than during the Civil War."

### EDUCATION—8

A young woman just home from college was very enthusiastic about the wonderful benefits of physical culture. She said to her father:

"Just watch this exercise. To develop the arms, I grasp the rod by one end and move it slowly from right to left."

"Well! well!" exclaimed her father. "What won't science discover next! If that rod had straw at the other end, you'd be sweeping."—*Christian Observer.*

### FAITH—9

In the orient they tell the story of a hell that is 10,000 mi's deep. Every 10,000 yrs a god lets down a thread as thin as a spider's web, and every condemned soul who has faith can climb up 10,000 mi's until he gets out. One time the god let down the thread and one poor soul saw it and had faith.

He started to climb up and up until he saw daylight. Then, just as he was putting his foot over the edge, he . . . looked down and saw all hell climbing up after him on the same thread. He lost faith. "Let go! Let go! This is mine!" he yelled down, and the god snapped the thread and cast him and all the other condemned souls back into Hades.

Today the entire world is attempting to climb from the bottomless pit of internat'l rancor and strife, and our only hope of rescue is the very thin thread of internat'l cooperation. We shall win this struggle together or together we shall be plunged into the darkness of despair. We can reach our goal only if we have faith—faith in each other. It is the only means of escape offered so far.—RICHARD C HEDKE, "Nations Are People," *Rotarian*, 3-47.

#### HOUSING—10

If the modern ap't gets any smaller a man will have to marry a wifette to live in it.—*Comic Dictionary*.

#### HUMAN NATURE—11

A good many people can be more effectively influenced by turning on the heat than turning on the light.—*Grit*.

#### INTERNAT'L RELATIONS—12

U N Atomic Energy Commission meetings more and more resemble the hotel business. The 1st question a mbr is asked upon arrival is, "Which do you prefer, sir, the American plan or the European plan?"—HY GARDNER, *Parade*.

#### IMAGINATION—13

Your imagination has much to do with your life. It pictures beauty, success, desired results. On the other hand, it brings into focus ugliness, distress and failure. It is for you to decide how you want your imagination to serve you. — PHIL CONLEY, *Cincinnati Enquirer*.

#### LOQUACITY—14

A young man attempted to write an adv to describe a new kind of soap. Here is what he produced:

"The alkaline element and vegetable fats on this product are blended in such a way as to secure the highest quality of saponification, along with a specific gravity that keeps it on top of the water, relieving the bather of

the trouble and annoyance of fishing around for it at the bottom of the tub during his ablutions."

A more experienced writer later said the same thing in two words: "It floats."—*Sunshine Magazine*.

#### MARRIED LIFE—15

Devoted to the theater, Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontaine will do almost anything to make their roles realistic. But once Lynn balked—when the script demanded that she slap her husband's face. At every performance Lunt had to whisper, "Don't be lousy, dear," before she would hit him.—B G WEBB, *Today's Woman*.

#### NARROW MINDEDNESS—16

Narrow minds, like narrow st's, should be marked "One Way."—*Swanson Newsette*.

#### The 8 Do-mores

Do more than exist—live. Do more than touch—feel. Do more than look—observe. Do more than read—absorb. Do more than hear—listen. Do more than listen—understand. Do more than think—ponder. Do more than talk—say something—JOHN HARSEN RHOADES, *Sunshine*. 17

#### OBJECTIVITY—18

Two countrymen at a fair approached a stall, where little balls bobbed about on top of water jets. One tried his skill with the rifle but could not pot the bobbing balls.

"Let's have a shot," said his friend, and, taking the rifle, fired. Every ball dropped.

As they walked away, the unsuccessful one said: "That was good. How did ye manage it, Will?"

"Easy," repl'd Will. "I shot the man who was working the pump."—*Ireland's Saturday Night*.

#### ORIGIN—Windfall—19

Windfall, meaning unexpected good fortune, has the earmarks of present-day slang, yet it was used in this sense as early as 1542.

In its literal sense, meaning something blown by the wind, the word dates from 1464. In those days timber on English estates was reserved for the king. The nobles, however, were permitted to appropriate trees felled by the wind—that is, windfalls.—*Philadelphia Inquirer Book Review*.



*The Economist*, Britain's outstanding business wkly, missed 2 issues last mo. This may not strike you as headline news, but it is the 1st time in 104 yrs of history that the journal has failed to make its publication date. *The Economist* was ordered to suspend for 2 wks as a fuel-saving measure.

Whaley-Eaton Service, Washington publisher of economic letters, promptly offered to assume full responsibility for producing the issues in the U S. To eliminate the question of exchange, Whaley-Eaton proposed to finance the entire dollar cost of the undertaking, accepting payment of its bare expenses in sterling. Newsprint was obtained; 2 Washington printers agreed to merge facilities; Pan-American Air Lines arranged over-night transportation. It was perhaps the 1st time in history in which the cable, radio telephone, airplane and rotary press were combined to do a job of trans-Atlantic co-operative publishing.

But the plan fell thru. Bureaucracy stopped it. The British Board of Trade, with sole authority to issue import licenses, would not act. Tho the undertaking would not affect the emergency fuel-saving program, nor involve any drain on Britain's dollar supplies, the program was effectively stalled. *The Economist*, which had overcome such handicaps as Britain's gen'l strike of '26 and the simultaneous bombing-out of its editorial and printing offices, could make no move. British Fuel Minister Shinwell, originator of the ukase, "achieved what Goering failed to do."

"It is terrifying to reflect," says Francis Rawdon Smith, associate editor of Whaley-Eaton Service, "that one bureaucratic nonentity can so effectively set us back in the era of the sailing ship."



**COMMUNICATIONS:** Transoceanic customer-to-customer teleprint service now available. By signal, N Y office can be directly connected to a London office, can hold immediate 1-way or 2-way negotiations. A monthly service, it costs 2¢ per printed character. (*Adv & Selling*)

**FURNITURE:** Colonial - design, upholstered footstool with built-in electric heater is being mfr'd by Sherrill's of Roanoke, Va. (*Newsweek*)

**GADGETS:** New sectional pencil comes in 3½-in pieces. When pencil wears down, add new sections to any desired length. Each piece has dulled end and dowelled end, covered with thin film of glue. Glue sticks when moistened; sections will adhere permanently, even when sharpening. (*Tide*)

**HEATING — Ventilating:** Device to save fuel in coal furnaces by giving more efficient combustion is attached to inside of fire door. Superheats air, sprays it over coal bed. (*Home Life*)

**INVENTIONS:** For traveling with the baby, new aluminum-and-asbestos bottle warmer plugs into any car cigaret lighter, requires no water, heats milk evenly and quickly. (*Pathfinder*)

**MEDICINE:** New medical instrument accurately measures in less than 3 min's the hemoglobin content of blood. Developed by American Optical Co's scientific instrument division, hemoglobino-meter can be used at bedside or elsewhere, permitting saving of time up to 30 min's by using optical principles in measuring hemoglobin. (*Grit*)

**PHOTOGRAPHY — Equipment:** Library chests for 8 and 16-mm film have push-button controls by which any film roll selected is moved forward for easy removal. (*Science Service*)

#### PEACE—20

May we learn the everlasting lesson that Peace comes not by changing maps, but by changing men.—JAS H GRIFFITHS, quoted in *Forbes*.

#### PERSISTENCE—Reward—21

The celebrated artist-philosopher Ruskin announced the opening of a lecture course. A group of students assembled at the studio at the appointed time, only to find the door locked and bearing a notice of postponement. A 2nd number of aspirants appeared at the 2nd appointed date, and met with the same experience. On the 3rd appointed date a still smaller number of students appeared. This time their diligence was rewarded by the appearance of the great artist. The postponements, he explained, had been designed to discourage those with insufficient will to persevere in their studies and perfect themselves in their art.

"I think," he announced, "that the class is now sufficiently winnowed down. Let us go to work!"—ADRIAN ANDERSON, *Your Life*.

#### PREJUDICE—22

Some yrs ago I was in a Missouri town and was announced to lecture in a college on "Washington and Lincoln." This section of country was furiously fought over by contending forces, north and south, in the early yrs of the conflict between the states. About an hr before the lecture the pres of the college came to see me and said with some embarrassment: "I have a strange request. There are two elderly women in this town, sisters, who were little girls when this community was war-swept. These sisters want to know if your lecture is so arranged that they could hear you on Washington without having to listen to what you have to say about Lincoln."

I was obliged to admit my lecture was interwoven with references to both of these great Americans and much as I wished that I might oblige these elderly women, it just couldn't be done. They stayed at home.—EDGAR DE WITT JONES, "Justice," *Pulpit*, 2-47.

#### PRIDE—23

A census taker asked a woman how many children she had. "Well," she began, "there's Willie, and Henry, and Martha, and—"

"Never mind the names," he said impatiently, "just give me the number."

His tone aroused the mother's indignation. "They haven't got numbers," she said sharply, "they all got names."—EDMOND M KERLIN, *Telescope Messenger*.

#### REGIMENTATION—24

In Berlin during the st fighting around Schloss, the masses hurrying for cover under machine-gun fire dutifully avoided taking the short cut over the lawn.—FRANZ SCHOENBERNER, *Confessions of a European Intellectual*. (Macmillan)

#### RELIGION—25

In an old, old tale in *The Thousand and One Nights* one of the heroes had a magic tent so tiny that it could be folded in the hollow of his hand. Yet, when released, it spread out far and wide, forming a canopy of protection for the whole city. Religious faith is like that magic tent. It can be compressed to fit the needs of a small group, or even a single soul, but when it is set free it expands into a network of faiths, feelings, hopes, laws, ideals, insights and influences, making a shelter for all the holy things of life, giving it stability and sanctity.—JOS FORT NEWTON, "The One Great Church," *Christian Century*, 2-19-'47.

#### SOCIALISM—26

A booklet you can slip into your vest pocket is being handed round British trade union circles. Boldly printed on the cover are the words "What the Socialist Gov't has done for the working classes of this country."

It contains about a doz pages—all blank!—JOHN CARPENTER, *London Evening News*.

#### SUCCESS—27

Complete success is not purchased at any one time, but rather on the installment plan.—*Fraternal Monitor*.

#### TAXES—28

Taxes are not accidents. They are deliberate imposts. They do not come to us like panics, storms, crises, droughts, floods or other acts of God. They, like wars, are man-made. . . . (They) produce money, and money power. The more money, the more spending; the more spending, the more jobs; the more jobs, the more votes;

### China's Civil War: "Made in America"

THEODORE H WHITE and ANNALEE JACOBY constituted the Chungking Bureau for Time during the war yrs. Their current best-seller, Thunder Out of China (Wm Sloane Associates, \$3), is the fruit of that background. The authors here present in a single vol the story of what has been happening in the Far East thru a crisis decade. This is not history as surmised by passing pilgrims, but the actual eye-witness acc't, related by the pair who saw the picture puzzle unfold piece by grim piece. In a realm where some contemporaries have relied upon conjecture to hide confusion, Mr White and Mrs Jacoby have presented a detailed, documented mss that is plausible and convincing. Here is not only China's thunder, but flashes of lightning as well.

There are majestic rhythms in history, moments of high opportunity. The war between China and Japan cast up many such moments of opportunity. Time and again—in '38, '44, '45—there came those great crests of fortune when internal peace might have been made by the 2 Chinese parties. Imperiled by the enemy or under pressure from the people, the 2 parties were forced again and again into truce and fleeting cooperation. Each time the opportunity was cast away; each time civil war was sealed more certainly into the future of the nation.

Of all the opportunities that presented themselves the most hopeful was that immediately after the victory over Japan. It was a moment of jubilation and hope. The disgrace inherent in the waste of this historic moment must be shared in equal part by the Chinese parties themselves and by American diplomacy.

Americans must realize now one of the hard facts of Chinese politics — that in the eyes of millions of the Chinese their civil war was made in America. We were the architects of its strategy; we flew gov't troops into Communist territory, we transported and supplied Kuomintang armies marching into the Communists' Yellow River basin and into the no man's land of Manchuria, we issued the orders to the Japanese garrisons that made the railway lines of the north the spoils of civil war. Our marines were moved into North China and stayed there to support Chiang's regime—the fiction succeeded fiction to explain their continued

presence in noble words. They were there mo after mo "to evacuate the Japanese from China", tho the Japanese might have been evacuated in a fraction of the time by a common-sense political agreement with the Communist partisans. When the Japanese began to leave and that fiction exploded, they remained to counter the Russian troops in Manchuria. When the Russians evacuated Manchuria and that fiction too exploded, it was announced that the marines were remaining indefinitely merely to "guard" supply line from coal mines to the coast.

These fictions hold only for the American people themselves: in China it is clear to all that the chief duty of our marines there is to preserve, protect, and defend Chiang Kai-shek's gov't in the northern areas where he is under attack. Both parties in China realize this. The Kuomintang knows that its New Army, the coastal cities, and the Peking-Tientsin area were all gifts from America and that these gifts will continue only so long as it can infect America with its own fear and terror of a league of the Communists with the Soviet Union. The Communists, too, realize it: all North China and Manchuria might have been theirs long since had it not been for American intervention, and their bitterness has grown with each passing mo. By that process of emotional autointoxication that is characteristic of the Communists, their propaganda has passed again into a phase of violent, intemperate denunciation of America and its works.

### WORK—29

Friction between people slows up more work than friction in machines.—GABRIEL HEATTER, quoted in *Chaplain*.



### What Price Glory?

JERRY THORP

The late winter mo's of 1944 found our armed forces in battle on fronts the world over. In early March raged the battle of Iwo when a 100-yd advance by our Marines made headlines. Victory, at a price, came on March 16—after 26 days of bitter warfare. Losses were heavy: 4,189 Marines gave their lives; the wounded totaled 14,308, missing, 441.

From Dickens' "Haunted Man" comes a phrase that should be on our lips today: "Lord, keep my Memory Green" . . .

The Purple Heart, the medal they give for wounds rec'd in action, was a dark blotch in his hand. "How much?" he asked firmly.

(The day was gray and sticky when the landing boats started for the beach. "This is it," you kept telling each other.)

The pawnbroker's eyes were kindly as he handed the medal back to the boy. "I couldn't take it, son. That's something you'll want to keep."

(You were on the beach. Where were the Japs? You couldn't see them. Your nose dug deep in the sand.)

"I've gotta have some bucks," the boy said. "Let me pawn it for a wk. By then—"

The pawnbroker ran a hand thru his hair in an embarrassed gesture. "Look, son, haven't you got something else—a watch or a ring? This medal means a lot to you but it's got no real value."

"No value?" the boy asked.

(The big sound didn't come, not for you. Just that awful light and later, the pain in your leg.)

The pawnbroker was talking again. "Like I said, I can't take the medal. But here's a couple of bucks, on the house."

It happened in Chicago.—Miami Herald—Chicago Daily News.

the more votes, the more security for the old offices, and the more chances for new ones. — HARRY A GORDON, quoted by FRANCES RODMAN, N Y Times Magazine.

*Quote*

Five of us were driving after work to a professional dinner club. The driver was public-relations man for a nat'l chemical mfr. His kindly, but stern eyes were deep-set in a creased ascetic face.

A signal stopped us, and we saw the too-tall, somehow unattractive girl waiting for a bus. She appeared unhappy, as if she knew that she was gangly and that her cheap clothes did little for her.

Just as the signal changed, the driver leaned across me to the open window and gave her a "wolf" whistle, waving and smiling at her.

As he drove on he must have been aware of our surprised silence. Finally he said: "Well, that was my good deed for the day."—MURRAY BENNETT, *Magazine Digest*.

It was a pretty shoddy-looking shirt, but it was the best he could find, so Jenkins bought it. Inside the garment he found a slip of paper on which had been written a girl's name and address and the message: "Please write and send me your photograph."

Yielding to this romantic call, Jenkins wrote to the girl and sent her a picture of himself. In a little while an answer came. With heart aflutter he opened it and read:

"Thanks for the photograph. I have been making these crummy-looking shirts for a long time, and I just had to see what kind of looking fellow would wear one of them."—*Los Angeles Schools Jnl.*



A Beer King is a malty-millionaire.—*Belvoir Castle*.

Repartee: What a man thinks of on the way home.—*Irish Traveler*.

Caveman's Motto: "I came, I saw, I conked her."—*Chicago Sun*.

## GOOD STORIES YOU CAN USE

### I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

WALTER GORDON

Chairman, Calif Parole Board

A 60-yr-old Wis prison inmate appealed to the gov to release him from prison on the grounds that his presence was tending to corrupt the morals of all the other prisoners. In a letter to the gov's pardon counsel, the harried inmate continued: "After hearing their stories how they were all fooled and framed in here, I have concluded that I am the only guilty man here."—*Negro Digest*.

"My family thinks there's something wrong with me simply because I like buckwheat cakes," the woman complained to the psychoanalyst.

"But there's nothing unusual about liking buckwheat cakes," the puzzled doctor said. "I like them myself."

"Oh, you do!" the woman exclaimed. "Then you must come up some day. I have 10 trunks full."—*Canning Trade*.

We've been told of a news commentator on one of the N Y stations who telephoned a friend and said breathlessly, "Listen, I'm on the air in 10 min's and I need your help. You play chess, don't you?"

The friend said he did.

"Thank heaven!" exclaimed the commentator. "What I want to know is this: I'm calling world politics a *chess game*, Europe the *chessboard*, and world peace a *pawn*. Now, what on earth do I call the atomic bomb?" — *New Yorker*.

A young matron stalled her car at a traffic light one day. She stamped on the starter, tried again, and choked her engine. Behind her an impatient motorist honked his horn steadily. Finally she got out and walked back to his car.

"I'm awfully sorry, but I don't seem to be able to start my car," she told the driver pleasantly. "If you'll go up there and start it for me, I'll stay here and lean on the horn."—*Coronet*.

A Chicago businessman was in the habit of contributing a few coins regularly to a certain panhandler. Day in and day out he would drop a few coins into the beggar's battered old hat.

One afternoon some mo's ago, however, he passed the beggar and was surprised to see him leaning against the bldg and holding a sign that read, "Business going on as usual during alterations."

"Say," he asked the beggar, "what does that mean?"

"Oh," explained the panhandler easily, "I'm having my hat blocked!"—*Esquire*.

During a seminar at the Univ lecture concerned pre-adolescent psychology. Our instructor briefly sketched the ruses and tricks used by youngsters to satisfy a normal curiosity regarding biological matters. He mentioned "house" and "doctor" and described the situations which arise during such play.

Before long, the discussion turned into a mutual volunteering of personal experiences with pre-adolescent sex. One rather eager young co-ed was in the midst of describing an ingenious variation of the "doctor" game when the ex-G I student sitting beside me could contain himself no longer.

"Hell," he said, "and all that time I was busy playing cops and robbers!"—ARTHUR UNGER, *True*.

A certain actress made a full confession of her past to her new husband. "What humility!" one friend said; another: "What courage!" But a cynical old hussy remarked: "What a memory!"—JOHN B SHEERIN, *Homiletic & Pastoral Review*.

